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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION

OF:	WULFF ET AL.	CONFIRMATION NO.:	9416
SERIAL NO.	10/678,626	GROUP ART UNIT:	1626
FILED:	OCTOBER 06, 2003	EXAMINER:	REI T. SHIAO

FOR: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF N-PHOSPHONOMETHYLGLYCINE

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir,

In reply to the office action of May 11, 2005, it is respectfully requested the following remarks be entered and considered for further prosecution of the above mentioned application:

REMARKS

Claim 25 is currently pending in the application. The Examiner rejected claim 25 under 35 USC §101 as claiming the same invention as that of claim 1 of prior **Wulff et al.** (US 6,660,878). Examiner argues that **Wulff et al.** claims a compound of formula (I), which is obtained by reacting a compound of formula (II), with a compound of formula